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Subject: Proposal for ward map

Please see the attached materials related to a suggested ward map that I am submitting to the Redistricting Group for your consideration.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, or supply additional materials and data.

Thanks for your consideration and service to Minneapolis!

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February 7, 2012

TO: Minneapolis Redistricting Group

FROM: Vic Thorstenson

RE: Ward map submission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit proposals to the 2012 Redistricting Group.

I'm Vic Thorstenson, a homeowner at 522 3rd Avenue SE in Minneapolis. I've been a Minneapolis resident since 1975. I'm employed by the Minnesota State Senate, where I'm the redistricting staff for the Senate Minority Caucus.

I also served in this role for 2001-2002 redistricting cycle. In 2002, I also independently worked on the Minneapolis ward map submission of the NAACP. This year, however, I am unaffiliated with any organization, and the ward map I present here solely reflects my views, and not that of my employer or any other group.

In putting together this proposal, I had the following goals in mind:

- A better reflection Minneapolis' communities and minority representation than the current ward map
- More compact wards
- Population deviation within 2% of the ideal population
- Correct the cracking of communities in North and South Minneapolis.

Drawing election districts is a balancing act. For example, one can easily draw a map solely along neighborhood lines, but population equality – the equal protection of residents to be represented in elective bodies – suffers as deviations exceed five or ten percent. The 2% standard used here is what the current state court redistricting panel adopted as part of their principles.

In addition, where people choose to live doesn't fall solely along neighborhood lines. Where deviations are made in this plan will be pointed out in the narrative that follows.

The attached spreadsheet displays the population breakdown of each ward. Under this plan, there are four majority-minority wards, and an additional four wards that achieve the 30% "minority opportunity" threshold. It is intended to improve minority representation on the City Council, which embarrassingly has only a single minority member out of thirteen. Minneapolis has a total minority population of over 36%. Minority members of our community are vastly underrepresented.

WARD 1

This ward falls entirely in NE Minneapolis, from the Mississippi River to the border of St. Anthony. It is a compact, contiguous and easily understood set of boundaries that coincide with existing neighborhood borders, except in the Sheridan Neighborhood to achieve equal population goals.

WARD 2

This ward is anchored by the University of Minnesota, its surrounding student housing and faculty neighborhoods of Prospect Park and Seward. It has a population deviation that is a few persons more than 2% below the 2010 census number, to acknowledge the occupancy of several large student housing projects since April 2010.

WARD 3

The current Ward 3 is an abomination that stretches from the McKinley neighborhood in North Minneapolis to Dinkytown in SE Minneapolis. Under this proposal, it occupies much of the current footprint of the current Ward 4, in a very cohesive district.

WARD 4

Ward 4 contains the neighborhoods south of Ward 3, with Glenwood Avenue as a southern border. In addition to being a majority-minority ward, it has a majority Black population among residents of voting age.

WARD 5

Ward 5 is a downtown district. Since downtown's population by itself is still far under the population for its own ward, the question arises, "which community goes best with the goals of downtown residents and businesses?"

Currently in a tortured extension of the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles communities, the solution presented here is far more compact and matches it with the growing high-rise residential and commercial activities of Minneapolis' East Bank.

WARD 6

This ward is inspired by the map submitted by the Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting. The extension on the east consists of subsidized-unit highrises on the north side of Franklin Avenue. It is a majority-minority ward with a nearly 42% Black population, including many East African immigrants and their families.

WARD 7

Far more compact than its current configuration, this ward encompasses the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun.

WARD 8

This ward is a convenient, highly dense community logically made up of the Lyndale, Whittier, Loring Height and Loring Park neighborhoods. The only neighborhood split occurs there, where it transitions with the downtown-oriented 5th Ward.

WARD 9

This area contains the whole neighborhoods of Corcoran, Standish, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe and Hiawatha. The only split occurs in the Seward neighborhood.

WARD 10

Ward 10 is mainly the communities surrounding Lake Harriet, with the addition of the Kingfield neighborhood.

WARD 11

The 11th Ward is a central Minneapolis district that contains the entirety of the Powderhorn neighborhood, which was previously split, along with Phillips West, Bryant, Regina and most of the Bancroft neighborhood.

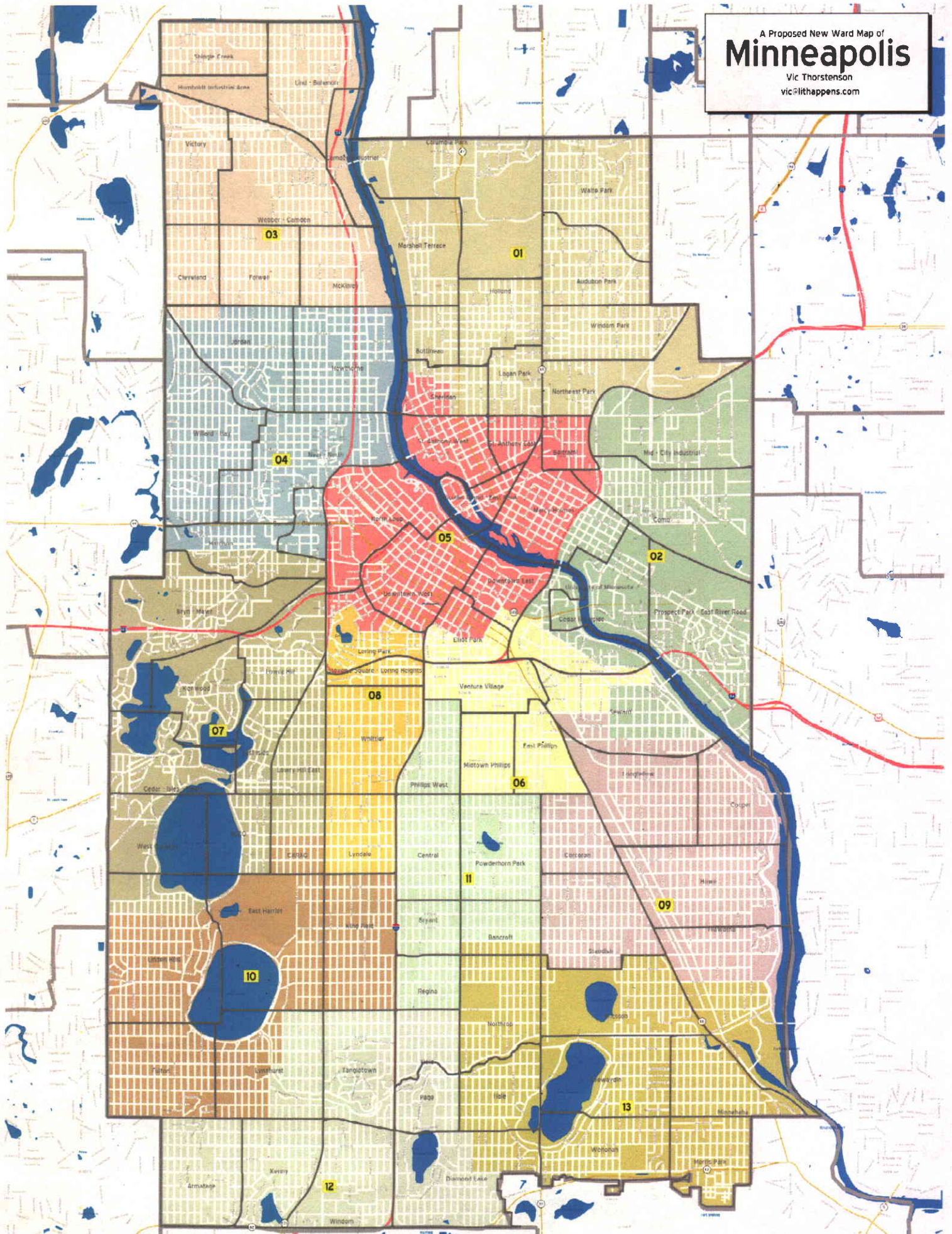
WARD 12

This has the neighborhoods on the southern tier of Minneapolis from the southwest to the south-central portion of the city.

WARD 13

This is bookend of Ward 12, containing the southeast to south central neighborhoods of the city.

A Proposed New Ward Map of
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Measures of Compactness

2/7/2012

Sum	N/A	N/A	131.07	N/A	N/A
Min	0.36	1.21	N/A	0.37	0.06
Max	0.57	1.55	N/A	0.68	1.57
Mean	0.49	1.37	N/A	0.53	0.83
Std. Dev.	0.06	0.11	N/A	0.09	0.58

DISTRICT	Reock	Schwartzberg	Perimeter	Polsby-Popper	Length-Width
01	0.46	1.30	11.90	0.57	1.16
02	0.46	1.42	11.42	0.49	1.52
03	0.55	1.25	10.04	0.63	0.29
04	0.57	1.24	9.06	0.65	0.25
05	0.57	1.35	9.87	0.54	0.06
06	0.50	1.55	7.85	0.41	0.40
07	0.52	1.21	10.49	0.68	1.34
08	0.36	1.38	6.63	0.52	1.57
09	0.48	1.37	10.55	0.53	0.52
10	0.49	1.35	10.32	0.55	0.06
11	0.39	1.44	8.20	0.48	1.50
12	0.49	1.36	10.56	0.53	1.20
13	0.53	1.54	14.17	0.37	0.92

District	Population	Deviation	[% Deviation]	Hispanic Origin	[% Hispanic Origin]	NH_Whi	[% NH_Whi]	NH_Doj_Bik	[% NH_Doj_Bik]	NH_Doj_Ind	[% NH_Doj_Ind]	NH_Doj_Asm	[% NH_Doj_Asm]	NH_Doj_Hwn	[% NH_Doj_Hwn]	NH_Doj_Oth	[% NH_Doj_Oth]	NH_Doj
01	29636	207	0.7%	3407	11.5%	20398	68.83%	3701	12.49%	719	2.43%	1073	3.62%	21	0.07%	81	0.27%	
02	28833	-596	-2.03%	793	2.75%	21397	74.21%	2168	7.52%	316	1.1%	3899	13.52%	24	0.08%	106	0.37%	
03	29293	-136	-0.46%	2143	7.32%	12364	42.21%	10410	35.54%	617	2.11%	3191	10.89%	12	0.04%	104	0.36%	
04	29248	-181	-0.62%	2496	8.53%	4739	16.2%	16274	55.64%	511	1.75%	4416	15.1%	14	0.05%	90	0.31%	
05	29944	515	1.75%	1821	6.08%	20544	68.61%	4323	14.44%	523	1.75%	2472	8.26%	19	0.06%	75	0.25%	
06	29892	463	1.57%	5607	18.76%	8234	27.55%	12493	41.79%	1789	5.98%	1245	4.16%	32	0.11%	74	0.25%	
07	29177	-252	-0.86%	1016	3.48%	24745	84.81%	1454	4.98%	252	0.86%	1487	5.1%	25	0.09%	51	0.17%	
08	29785	356	1.21%	4991	16.76%	16433	55.17%	6082	20.42%	612	2.05%	1277	4.29%	18	0.06%	108	0.36%	
09	29511	82	0.28%	3678	12.46%	20627	69.9%	2938	9.96%	1022	3.46%	929	3.15%	19	0.06%	71	0.24%	
10	29232	-197	-0.67%	1334	4.56%	24857	85.03%	1573	5.38%	211	0.72%	1020	3.49%	21	0.07%	98	0.34%	
11	29578	149	0.51%	9004	30.44%	10406	35.18%	7871	26.61%	830	2.81%	1004	3.39%	11	0.04%	89	0.3%	
12	29125	-304	-1.03%	1474	5.06%	23096	79.3%	3063	10.52%	274	0.94%	979	3.36%	31	0.11%	59	0.2%	
13	29324	-105	-0.36%	2309	7.87%	22810	77.79%	2500	8.53%	581	1.98%	872	2.97%	11	0.04%	92	0.31%	